

awards. In addition to Mr. Creagh's appearance, the district is planning a variety of student activities, as well as a drug and alcohol awareness inservice for all district staff.

I fully support the Red Ribbon Campaign and the work of everyone involved. Drug awareness and prevention begin with families and communities, so I congratulate the people of Byron, Mt. Morris, Oregon, and Stillman Valley as they put together Red Ribbon Week. Your work will further the goal of eradicating the scourge of drugs that threatens our children and will direct them along a path to a brighter future.

A VISION FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I submit to the RECORD "A vision for the 3rd Millennium" by Martial Arts Grandmaster Jhoon Rhee. Grandmaster Rhee has been employing his "Lead by Example Action Philosophy" for over 50 years as a martial artist, goodwill ambassador, businessman, citizen, husband, father and most of all as a teacher of young people.

His philosophy seeks as its goal a healthier, happier society. His tenets of "knowledge in the mind, honesty in the heart and strength in the body" are important values that adults should seek to instill in children. And the best way to do that is by being a living example of those important virtues—leading by example.

I encourage all Americans to follow Jhoon Rhee's example of strength, honesty and leadership.

A VISION FOR THE 3RD MILLENNIUM

We, the Martial Artists, citizens of the world, hereby declare the "Lead By Example Action Philosophy" to the world. We all know that a picture is worth a 1000 words, but we also must know that action is worth a 1000 pictures. The "Lead By Example Action Philosophy" is designed to inspire all people to be more enlightened; to ensure effective children's education for family unity; and to promote cultural diversity for universal harmony. The "Lead By Example Action Philosophy" can be achieved through "Joy of Discipline"—a mental and physical exercise program that can lead us to achieve "100 Years of Wisdom in a Body of 21 Year old", the foundation for a happy global society.

The "Lead By Example Action Philosophy" is a new social awakening campaign for a perfect global society in the 3rd Millennium. It is not a religion but recognizes a Supreme Intelligence as the origin of life and happiness. People constantly move to avoid pain or to seek joy and comfort. Therefore, the universal purpose of life, unquestionably, is happiness. The ultimate value for happiness is Love; only Beauty triggers the love emotion; and only Truth beautifies human heart.

Therefore, When I am truthful, I am beautiful in heart; When I am beautiful in heart, everyone loves me; When everyone loves me, I am happy.

Conversely, When I lie, I am ugly in heart; When I am ugly in heart, everyone hates me; When everyone hates me, I am unhappy.

Therefore, a truthful way of life is not only good, but also wise; a false way is not only wrong, but also foolish. Truth, Beauty, and Love are three basic elements of Good that

we must live by daily. Deceit, ugliness, and hatred are three basic elements of evil that we must recognize but never practice. All thoughts of Truth, Beauty, and Love secrete a positive brain substance, Beta Endorphin, for our better health and happiness, but thoughts of deceit, ugliness, and hatred secrete a natural negative brain substance, adrenaline, which leads to stress that can cause fatal diseases. Everyone is born to be happy with each breath of life. We all deserve the most joyful social environment for absolute global happiness. The foundation for a happy society is perfect human character, exercising true freedom approved by the one's conscience, and never practicing false freedom licensed by selfish animal instinct. People of the 3rd Millennium must be perfect human beings, defined by never making mistakes knowingly, harmful to none, and beneficial to all. Therefore, as a martial artist, I must first develop a perfect body as the temple for a perfect mind.

An ideal human being is one who has achieved a balanced education consisting of three basic human qualities—Knowledge in the mind, Honesty in the heart, and Strength in the body. The purpose of knowledge is to take action, for knowing does not make things happen, but actions always do. All parents of the 3rd Millennium must become teachers for their children, not by words alone but also by their actions, for children are born to learn not only by listening but more by watching deeds of adults. Consistent good behavior and spontaneous action come only from skills and good habits.

Three Golden Rules for parents and teachers to help children develop many good skills and habits are: (1) Lead By Example; (2) Never fail to correct their mistakes with a smile until good habits are formed; and (3) Lead By Example.

Therefore, I will recite My Four Daily Affirmations to reaffirm my daily commitment to achieve 100 years of wisdom in a body of 21 year old, as follows: (1) I am wise because I always learn something good everyday; (2) I am humanly perfect because I never make mistakes knowingly; (3) I like myself because I always take action to make good things happen; and (4) I am happy that I am me because I always choose to be happy.

Therefore, I am a wise, perfect, active, and happy center of the universe.

THE CASE FOR PAYING U.N. DUES

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an excellent op-ed Ambassador Richard N. Gardner wrote in the March 4th edition of the Los Angeles Times.

The article is entitled "There's more than politics at stake in unpaid U.N. dues." At its heart, the issue is that if the United States has no legal obligation to live up to its treaties and other international agreements, then the message we send is that any nation is free to violate any commitment made to the United States or to any other nation. That is not a world in which we should want to live.

The op-ed by Ambassador Gardner follows:

[From the Los Angeles Times, Mar. 4, 1998]

THERE'S MORE THAN POLITICS AT STAKE IN UNPAID U.N. DUES

(By Richard N. Gardner)

A top priority for the Clinton administration is to persuade Congress to pay more

than \$1 billion in back dues to the United Nations. Failure to do so will undermine critical U.N. operations in peacekeeping and development and further diminish U.S. influence in the world organization.

Complicating the administration's task is a new and fallacious idea that has been accepted by many members of Congress; that the United States has no legal obligation to pay its U.N. debts. Last fall the Senate Foreign Relations Committee declared that the U.N. Charter "in no way creates a 'legal obligation' on the United States Congress to authorize and appropriate" the money to pay the dues. In justification, the committee wrote: "The United States Constitution places the authority to tax United States citizens and to authorize and appropriate those funds solely in the power of the United States Congress."

These statements reflect a dangerous misunderstanding of the relation between international law and domestic law.

The U.N. Charter is a treaty that legally binds us as it does other U.N. members. Of course, a treaty cannot override the U.S. Constitution. Congress is free as a matter of domestic law to violate U.S. obligations under international law.

But these truisms do not alter the facts: If Congress exercises its constitutional right to violate a treaty, the United States still has a legal obligation to other countries; and our refusal to live up to our commitments can have legal consequences.

There is no international police force to enforce international law, but nations generally observe their treaty obligations because of their desire for reciprocity and fear of reprisal.

In 1961, when the Soviet Union refused to pay its assessments for the Congo and Middle East peacekeeping operations, Republican and Democratic members of Congress insisted that the U.S. go to the World Court to get an advisory opinion that the Soviet Union had a legal obligation to pay. The U.S. brief of the court, in whose preparation I had a part, stated: "The General Assembly's adoption and apportionment of the Organization's expenses create a binding legal obligation on the part of the member states to pay their assessed shares." In 1962, the court agreed with that proposition, and the General Assembly accepted it.

Article 19 of the U.N. Charter provides that a country in arrears of its assessments by two full years shall lose its vote in the General Assembly. The Assembly in an unfortunate failure of political will, failed to apply that sanction to the Soviet Union when it became applicable in 1964. Never the less, the Assembly recently has regularly applied the loss of vote sanction.

We are not just dealing here with legal technicalities, but realpolitik in the best sense of the word. If nations were free to treat their U.N. assessments as voluntary, the financial basis of the organization would quickly dissolve. Some would not mind it if the U.N.'s financial support unraveled. They do not seem fully to appreciate how important the U.N.'s work in conflict resolution, peacekeeping, sustainable development, humanitarian relief and human rights can be for the United States.

If the United States has no legal obligation to live up to its treaties and other international agreements, neither do other countries. Then, any country would be free to violate any legal commitment it has made to us, whether to open its domestic market, reduce its nuclear arsenal, provide basing for our ships and aircraft, extradite or prosecute terrorists or refrain from poisoning the global environment. Congress must focus on all of the consequences of its failure to honor our U.N. obligations.